

DMOC Read out

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Believe you were all on the call – happy to take any suggestions!
Cheers,
Dan

Read out – DMOC (February 13)

- The Clerk opened the meeting by setting context. s.39
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- The RCMP provided a sitrep:
 - Windsor – progress over last 24 hours but it is a dynamic situation. Need to maintain control road and tunnel - would only take a few vehicles to shut it down again
 - Need to manage expectations – may be a push to move focus from Windsor to Ottawa – not that simple
 - Ottawa – Rideau and Sussex has been fortified. No protestors on hill and limited foot traffic. New plan with RCMP, OPP and OPS has been approved, but not signed off by OPS.
 - o Can brief when plan is signed. First goal – reduce the footprint of the protest. Will be comprehensive: communications, tactics, daily goals – targets and percentages to reduce numbers of trucks. Messaging steps up in tone every day. This should have been done before but it wasn't. Decisions could then be taken on kinetic action. Additional resources are deployable.
 - Emmerson – no change. Emergency vehicles, livestock and other essential traffic being let through. Some of the protestors are getting tired. Concerns about their farm equipment. Church Service planned this morning and they are meeting their lawyer
 - A number of protests in BC mainland and interior, but no arrests or violence.
- Justice provided an update on upcoming Ottawa injunction s.39
 - o Ottawa bringing injunction to the Court tomorrow. s.39
s.39 Ottawa looking for an injunction to enforce bylaws – issuing tickets not working. Court Order would provide additional weight for enforcement (breaching court order can result in criminal sanctions)
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- DMs discussed a range of topics including current gaps, linkages between communications tools and enforcement measures, the need for operational and planning security. There was general agreement that Ontario Emergency measures are powerful, time-limited tools, but that ultimately it would be up to law enforcement to utilize them. There is concern that government actions could further inflame protestors who seem to be reacting to perceived government overreach.

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- o Communications plan – PCO to convene a group today
 - § Must be specific, actionable
 - § Consider multiple audiences – Canadians more broadly, protestors specifically, and also our international allies
 - § Need to align municipal/provincial/federal communications - What should we say more specifically on the range of sanctions those who break the law could face
- o Action Plan – s.39
 - § Need to continue to plan for worst-case scenarios – but strong focus needs to be on gaps and needs to support enforcement
 - Policy/legal measures that could be pursued now to help law enforcement and to disincentivize protest.
 - RCMP needs to identify any gaps now – assistance in coordinating with provinces, resource or capability gaps, etc.
 - CAF –Can we leverage to ensure POEs remain open? What other scenarios could be foreseen where CAF can play? Would we do anything now?
 - § Plan for other potential targets – specifically other POEs and rail

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